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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF DR. KAYYL, PTT MINISTER TO U.S.

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS LEARNED THAT DR. ALAWI DARWISH KAYYAL, MINISTER OF POSTS TELEPHONES AND TELE-GRAPHS, MAY HAVE ACCEPTED OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT CANADA SEPTEMBER 1977. USDOC NOW CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY ISSUING INVITATION (FROM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE) TO DR. KAYYAL TO TRAVEL U.S. EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER CANADIAN TRIP.
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2. USDOC WOULD COORDINATE VISIT. IT WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH MAJOR U.S. COMMUNICATIONS FIRMS, WITH POSSIBILITY OF TOURS OF PLANTS AND INSTALLATIONS TO EXAMINE EQUIPMENT AND LATEST TECHNOLOGY. ALSO PLAN PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHICH ALREADY HAS CONTRACT WITH

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION UNDER JOINT COMMISSION AUSPICES.

3. PRIOR TO FURTHER PLANNING, USDOC NEEDS SOONEST CONFIRMATION AND TIMING OF DR. KAYYAL'S CANADIAN VISIT. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN WITHOUT REVEALING PROPOSED U.S. INVITATION. PLEASE ADVISE PRIORITY.

4. BELIEVE SUCH VISIT WOULD PROVIDE U.S. COMMUNICATIONS

INDUSTRY WITH VALUABLE COMPETITIVE BOOST AT TIME WHEN SAUDIS ARE EVALUATING BIDS ON AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE PROJECT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN FIRMS IN COMPETITION, AND ALL ARE RECEIVING STRONG SUPPORT FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

5. LONG TERM BENEFITS TO U.S. INDUSTRY FROM EXPOSING DR. KAYYAL TO LATEST U.S. TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS COULD BE SIGNIFICANT FACTOR INFLUENCING MINISTRY DECISIONS ON MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS. REQUEST EMBASSY'S COMMENTS, REACTION, AND SUGGESTIONS ON PROPOSED VISIT.

6. FOR OTTAWA: THIS IS FYI ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT RAISE WITH GOC. CHRISTOPHER

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